technical areas of the transmitter station, a security fencing between the station and the public path within the complex, posting of adequate number of security personnel, tower and flood lights for security requirements and installation of a fire alarm system including back up water pumping for fire fighting.

Setting up of Farm Products Marketing Boards

2717. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India on 27th October, 1988 to the effect that rice millers are actively frustrating Government drive for paddy procurement and if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up Farm Products Marketing Boards in each district/State to fix weekly/seasonal fair prices of each farm produce for producers and consumers in order to curb the undesirable activities of middlemen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Farmers are free to sell their paddy at any price and to any party. Paddy sales to public procuring agencies are voluntary and the agencies purchase the paddy offered to them as a price support measures aimed at protecting the farmer from exploitation. The State Governments have been advised to enforce levy and other regulatory orders, strictly, to maximise levy rice procurement.

(b) The information is being collected.

Special assistance to small and marginal farmers of Orissa

2718. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small and marginal farmers in Orissa are given any special assistance by Government: and

(b) if so, the amount of Central assistance provided to the small and marginal farmers under different schemes by the end of July, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the Central assistance provided to small and marginal farmers during the current financial year under different special Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Orissa is enclosed. (See below). Besides, assistance has also been provided under the other Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes which includes small and marginal farmers also.

Statement

Central Funds released during the Current Financial year under Central/Centrally sponsored Schemes to Orissa

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Central allocation for 1988-89	Central amount released upto July, 1988
1	2	3	4
1.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production		
	(a) For normal components	203.69	66.15